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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1133  
INFO AMEMBASSY PRAIA POUCH

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF AF/W POSTS: GUINEA-BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE

REF: STATE 104716

1. REFTEL RECEIVED BISSAU SATURDAY, APRIL 29. INSTRUCTIONS DESCRIBED THEREIN FOR PREPARATION OF INSPECTORS' MEMORANDA NOT RPT NOT YET ARRIVED. I ASSUME PRAIA HAS NOT RECEIVED EITHER COMMUNICATION.

2. THIS TELEGRAM INTENDED TO MEET REQUEST FOR MEMORANDA FOR PRESENTATION TO INSPECTORS ON MAY 8, 1978.

3. EMBASSY BISSAU:  
A) BISSAU'S OBJECTIVES MAY BE SUMMARIZED IN TWO POINTS:  
ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH NEW GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF OPERATING EMBASSY. MAJOR ELEMENT IN FORMER IS EXPANDING AID PROGRAM. POST IS NOW ALMOST TWO YEARS OLD AND STILL INVOLVED IN SETTING UP OPERATIONS FOR ACCOMPLISHING BOTH OBJECTIVES. MUCH HAS BEEN DONE, UNDER ADVERSE CONDITIONS, BUT MUCH REMAINS TO BE ACHIEVED BEFORE THESE PRIMARY GOALS ARE ACCOMPLISHED (INSOFAR AS THEY EVER ARE IN WORLD OF DIPLOMACY).  
B) MAJOR PROBLEMS AFFECTING POST ARE THOSE IMPLIED

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IN OBJECTIVES THEMSELVES, RATHER THAN BEING ISSUES WHICH AFFECT ACCOMPLISHMENT. THAT IS, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS ARE NOT IMPEDING REALIZATION OF GOALS, BUT RATHER ARE THEMSELVES THE MISSION'S SHORT-TERM PREOCCUPATIONS.  
--INSPECTION WELL TIMED FOR POST'S SECOND ANNIVERSARY.  
FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, INSPECTION WILL PROVIDE USEFUL

OCCASION TO SIT DOWN AND REVIEW OUR PROGRESS, OUR SHORT AND MEDIUM-TERM PLANS, AND OBTAIN AN OBJECTIVE REVIEW OF OUR SUCCESS OR LACK THEREOF.

--WE RECENTLY SUBMITTED (BISSAU 404 AND A-13) OUR GORM PRESENTATIONS AND WE SUGGEST THAT THE INSPECTOR'S USE THIS AS THE RELEVANT GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM FOR THE INSPECTION OF EMBASSY BISSAU.

4. EMBASSY PRAIA:

A) PRAIA WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED IN FEBRUARY 1978 UPON THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST ASSIGNED OFFICER AND WILL BE FULLY STAFFED ONLY WEEKS BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE INSPECTORS. AS I SUGGESTED PREVIOUSLY (BISSAU 0435), PRAIA SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR A REGULAR INSPECTION. HOWEVER, THE PRESENCE IN THE AREA OF AN INSPECTION TEAM PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN INFORMAL LOOK-IN BY THE INSPECTION CORPS WHICH SHOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL AT THIS FORMATIVE PERIOD IN THE POST'S EXISTANCE. I SUGGEST THAT THE TEAM SCHEDULED TO VISIT PRAIA BE LIMITED TO TWO OFFICERS (ONE SUBSTANTIVE AND ONE ADMINISTRATIVE).I WILL ACCOMPANY THEM TO PRAIA FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE BISSAU INSPECTION.

B) COMMENTS MADE ABOVE WITH REFERENCE TO EMBASSY BISSAU AND ITS PROBLEMS APPLY IN SPADES TO PRAIA. THE RELEVANT GORM SUBMISSIONS (BISSAU 406 AND A-14) SHOULD ALSO BE USED AS INSPECTOR'S BRIEFING MEMORANDA.

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